

# Section Review

## GRAMMAR EXERCISES 25–30

**Exercise 25 Making Personal Pronouns Agree With Their Antecedents** Choose the appropriate personal pronoun to complete each sentence.

1. Jazz music has \_\_\_\_\_ roots in African, Spanish, and Latin American music.
2. Celia Cruz is a compelling performer. \_\_\_\_\_ is also known by \_\_\_\_\_ title "Queen of Salsa."
3. \_\_\_\_\_ fans enjoy seeing \_\_\_\_\_ favorite performer put on a show.
4. Carlos Santana and \_\_\_\_\_ band pioneered "Latin rock" when \_\_\_\_\_ added a Caribbean beat to rock-and-roll music.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ neither Santana nor \_\_\_\_\_ band could have imagined the fame that would come to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 26 Choosing Correct Personal Pronouns** Write the correct pronoun to complete each sentence.

1. My brother and two other students are studying music because of (his, their) vocal talent.
2. Rikki believes that it is important to study Italian to improve (your, her) chances of becoming an opera singer.
3. Many female opera singers are finding out that (they, you) can compete in salary with male singers.
4. After a person has been to the opera, (he or she, they) may feel inspired.
5. *The Magic Flute* is a masterpiece because of (its, their) brilliant score.
6. Both of my teachers brought (his, their) classical music CDs to class.
7. Each of the students reacted to the music in (his or her, their) own way.
8. Some of the music we heard gained (its, their) popularity in the 1800's.

9. Neither of the classical pieces he wrote has (its, their) melody completed.
10. Both of these other pieces have (its, their) merits.

**Exercise 27 Revising to Correct Errors in Reflexive Pronouns** Revise the sentences below to correct any misuse of reflexive pronouns. If the reflexive pronoun is used correctly, write *correct*.

1. My brother bought himself a guitar.
2. My mother and myself encouraged him to practice.
3. Who but himself could make such a racket?
4. Our mother told me to keep my opinions to myself.
5. Still, Mom bought earplugs for myself.

**Exercise 28 Find It in Your Reading** Identify the indefinite and personal pronouns in this line from Walt Whitman's "I Hear America Singing," and tell why they agree.

"Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else, . . ."

**Exercise 29 Find It in Your Writing** Go through your portfolio to find examples of pronouns, especially indefinite pronouns. Make sure that you have used the correct personal pronoun to agree with each indefinite pronoun.

**Exercise 30 Writing Application** Write a paragraph about your favorite musical group. Use at least four personal pronouns and two indefinite pronouns. Check your pronoun agreement.